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OFFICE VISITORS

H. H. Farquahr, organization specialist of the Forest Service, spent several hours in the office on Thursday in conference with the Director and Mr. Falck on organization problems which are similar in the two services.

Alan Richards, of the Forest Service, met with several members of the Division on Friday afternoon to discuss problems which have arisen in the new filing system. Mr. Richards gave some very valuable assistance and straightened out many problems for us.

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COOPERATION

Since the Biological Survey has been transferred to the Interior Department, the Chief of that organization, Ira N. Gabrielson, and the Director have been considering the basis for cooperation between the two agencies. As a result of these discussions, an agreement has been reached which will tend to establish a closely coordinated program for the administration of lands and resources. This agreement covers such points as the following:

1. The authority of the Biological Survey on wildlife matters
2. The authority of the Division of Grazing in grazing matters
3. The effective joining of field forces for all field activities particularly with relation to fires
4. The recognition of the Biological Survey as the technical authority on predators and rodents
5. The consideration of the funds available for both agencies
6. The use of CCC labor and similar matters

Copies of the agreement and suggestions will be forwarded to the field in the near future.

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At the suggestion of the Secretary, Mr. Page of the Bureau of Reclamation called a meeting in his office last week which was attended by representatives of the Indian Office, National Park Service, Geological Survey,

General Land Office, Biological Survey, Division of Grazing, and others. The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the position of the Biological Survey in the Interior Department and for laying the ground-work for thorough cooperation with the Biological Survey by all the other agencies.

The discussion centered around the position of the Biological Survey with reference to wildlife, the relationship of the General Land Office to land records and land purchases, the relationship of the Division of Grazing to all grazing matters in the Department, and similar administrative matters. Since this was the first meeting, it was not very conclusive but it will form the basis for future meetings and full understanding.

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#### SPLendid IDEA

Frank Moore, Region 8, has submitted a suggestion to the Washington office which we feel will bring excellent results and it may be that other regional graziers will wish to follow his idea. Mr. Moore has decided that it might be of great advantage to the personnel of his region to have a little convention during the winter and to invite three cattlemen and three sheepmen who operate from small to large outfits to talk at this convention to give the personnel a closer view of the actual problems that the operators must face in their operations, such as taxes; methods of lambing, feeding, and shearing; and all things pertaining to their year round setups.

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#### IT'S AGIN THE LAW

Rumors have reached this office that enrollees of some of our CCC camps are collecting Indian relics. There's a law against such collecting. Further information is being furnished all members of the Division on the subject.

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#### WOOL

"Wool is the overcoat of sheep, that is reared and bred in Antipodes to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight and the man who can guess the nearest length of fibre is called a wool man by the public, a fool by the farmer, and a poor business man by his creditors. The price of wool is determined in London and goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought. The wool is sheared in the spring, mortgaged in the summer and left in bond in the winter."---Canadian Wool Grower

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BOUQUETS TO DG-126

"The latter part of June, I was at McDermitt visiting the cricket problem area which is existing there. I have never been around a CCC camp which rated quite as high in the community as that one does. Those men are working all kinds of hours to help the community and the residents there are surely appreciative of their assistance. I do not know where a newspaper reporter could secure a better pro-CCC story than there."---  
R. G. Johnson Oregon State Agricultural College

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OUR ARCHIE

Can it be that fate is dogging the footsteps of an illustrious member of the Washington office? No sooner is the high-hat bathing-suit mystery solved than the following headline appeared in the Salt Lake City Tribune on July 26:

"CITY RECEIVES CLAIMS FOR TROUSERS, HOSE."

Great is the anxiety of the Washington office. Can it be that its fair son is again the victim of unscrupulous dealings?

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These now girls coming into Washington better watch out---doggono if we can keep them single for very long.

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CHICK HELTMAN SAYS

He's glad Herb Frenzell was assigned to equipment matters because Herb does have broad shoulders. Maybe the new trucks will ease him into everyone's good graces until he can completely survey the needs.

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OUR ROAMING INSPECTORS

Bud Molohon and C. K. Caron have been hitting the hinterlands and making heap much pow-wow in regard to CCC camp administration and the work programs.

Mr. Kerr left Albuquerque on August 1 en route to Newnan, Georgia, where he will spend a few days with Mrs. Kerr and his daughters. He will arrive in Washington the morning of August 14.

Mr. Terrett returned to Washington on August 1 after a month's inspection of the work of the Division in Montana. On July 28 and 29, he attended the convention of the old time range riders held at Miles City. To

be eligible for membership in the organization, one must have ridden the range with some recognized outfit prior to 1910. Mr. Torrett took advantage of the opportunity to become a member as he comes under the deadline by five years.

Messrs. Kavanagh and Ryan are expected to return to Washington this week after inspection trips in the field.

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#### WE LOSE A SECRETARY

Alberta Doxey, Mr. Heltman's secretary, had a wedding anniversary and at the same time informed us that we'd have to get along without her as she is going to put her full time to baking cakes which sink in the middle. We'll miss her.

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#### GAVEL DISPLAY

Congressman Taylor has placed the gavels which have been presented to him during his terms in office on display in the Museum of the Interior Department. The gavel presented by the Division of Grazing on the fifth anniversary of the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act is displayed in a prominent place. In appreciation of Congressman Taylor's service to conservation, the Interior Department presented him with a gavel on July 6 which is made from a tree grown on Secretary Ickes' Maryland farm. The gavel stand shows four scenes which depict the major conservation activities in which Congressman Taylor has participated. One of the scenes is devoted to grazing.

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#### DIPLOMACY IS RIGHT

The need of diplomacy in most transactions is recognized as necessary if best results are obtained. Here is reported a matter which exemplifies extreme diplomacy as we understand it.

A livestock farmer who was long suffering and extremely forbearing, had been suffering losses of cattle. He suspected a neighbor but had no conclusive evidence so when he could stand losses no longer he sent the following note across the fence:

"Dear Jake, wish you would stop leaving your hot branding irons scattered about where my cattle lay down on them."---The New Mexico Stockman

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"THEY DIED FIGHTING FOR US"

"Five CCC youths were burned to death Saturday while fighting a Nevada brush and timber fire. Two of them, it is believed, lost their lives because they tried to help an injured comrade.

"It was a tragic occurrence which the entire intermountain west deeply regrets.

"But greatly as the death of these five youths will be deplored, it may serve to make the west more appreciative of the heroism and courageous service of the three C's.

"None of these five fire victims was a westerner. Four were from New York, one from Kansas. Yet they gave their lives in the broad service which the CCC is performing for the west--saving timber and watersheds from ravages of fire; conserving and rebuilding our forests; restoring range lands; preventing soil erosion and water waste; building roads and recreational areas.

"It is a little too easy for us in the west to accept the service of the CCC as a matter of course. Oh, sure, it's a good idea, we agree, but that's the end of it - and perhaps we look a little askance at these strange-talking 'Joisey', or 'Noo Yawk' lads who live in our forests and invade our towns. We forget that they're doing a lot of mighty valuable work for US and our children.

"Many a westerner's home and land have been saved from destruction by brave CCC firefighters. It is OUR natural resources of forest, land, and water that are being conserved and protected by the three C's. It is WE who will enjoy the recreational areas they open up and improve.

"The death of these five youths brings home to us in a tragic but forceful manner the value of the service of the CCC.

"Even at the cost of their hopeful young lives, they are safeguarding and building the west. And despite their rough clothing they're just boys - a long way from home, a little lonely at times, a little reckless and overbearing at times - but still just boys, with a boy's innate courage and bravado, and ready welcome for a kindly word of praise and encouragement or a friendly smile.

"Next time you see some of the three C's you might remember that five of their fellows died rather horribly fighting a fire for YOU. Maybe you'll see them through new eyes."---Salt Lake Telegram, August 1, 1939.